

**MINUTES  
of the  
EIGHTY-FIRST MEETING  
of the  
PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY OVERSIGHT TASK FORCE**

**October 25, 2021  
State Capitol, Room 322  
Santa Fe**

The eighty-first meeting of the Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force was called to order by Representative G. Andrés Romero, chair, on Monday, October 25, 2021, at 8:32 a.m. in Room 322 of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

**Present**

Rep. G. Andrés Romero, Chair  
Sen. William P. Soules, Vice Chair  
Sondra Adams  
Rep. Eliseo Lee Alcon  
Rep. Jack Chatfield  
Carl Foster  
Antonio Ortiz, Designee for Secretary-  
Designate of Public Education Kurt  
Steinhaus  
Rep. Randall T. Pettigrew  
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto  
Stan Rounds  
Sen. Mimi Stewart

**Advisory Members**

Sen. Cliff R. Pirtle

**Absent**

Johnny Benavidez  
Rep. Brian Egolf  
Scott Elder  
Sen. Stuart Ingle  
Rep. Patricia A. Lundstrom  
Cindy Montoya  
Sen. George K. Munoz  
Brandy Murphy  
Amber L. Romero  
Debbie Romero  
Sen. Joshua A. Sanchez  
Karen Sanchez-Griego  
Sen. Benny Shendo, Jr.

Sen. Leo Jaramillo  
Sen. Michael Padilla

**Staff**

Clinton Turner, Fiscal Policy Analyst, Legislative Council Service (LCS)  
Sheila Keleher, Research Assistant, LCS  
Lenaya Montoya, Staff Attorney, LCS

**Minutes Approval**

Because the task force will not meet again this year, the minutes for this meeting have not been officially approved by the task force.

**Guests**

The guest list is in the meeting file.

## **Handouts**

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

## **References to Webcast**

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the task force meeting, which can be found at [www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov), under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and task force discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

## **Monday, October 25**

### **Welcome (8:32 a.m.)**

Representative Romero welcomed task force members and presenters.

### **Public School Capital Outlay Council (PSCOC) and Public School Facilities Authority (PSFA) Update (8:34 a.m.)**

Martica Casias, interim executive director, PSFA, and Randy Evans, chief financial officer, PSFA, provided an update on the PSCOC and the PSFA. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20102521%20Item%201%20PSCOC%20PSFA%20Update.pdf>.

### **Early Childhood Facilities (8:57 a.m.)**

Ms. Casias and John Valdez, master planner, PSFA, presented an overview of pre-K facilities, adequacy standards and enrollment growth and decline. Elizabeth Groginsky, secretary, Early Childhood Education and Care Department, and Brenda Kofahl, chief, Early Childhood Bureau, Public Education Department, emphasized the need for investments in pre-K facilities, including classroom expansion to accommodate full-day programs. Dr. V. Sue Cleveland, superintendent, Rio Rancho Public School District, gave a presentation on Shining Stars Preschool and outlined the current challenges for the public preschool, including an overall lack of space and a three-year waiting list. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=2>.

### **Teacher Housing (10:32 a.m.)**

Ms. Casias and Alyce Ramos, programs manager, PSFA, presented an overview of existing teacher housing units across the state. Martin Romine, director of finance, Zuni Public School District, outlined the substandard teacher housing that persists in his district. Daniel Benavidez, superintendent, Central Consolidated School District (CCSD), and Candice Thompson, director of operations, CCSD, explained how their district manages teacher housing

operations. Adán Estrada, superintendent, Cimarron Municipal School District, summarized the problems inherent with the lack of teacher housing in a small rural district and the subsequent challenges faced by incoming teachers. Steve Saiñez, government relations and communications director, National Education Association-New Mexico, introduced Jamie Torres, special education teacher, Santa Fe Public School District, and representative, National Education Association-New Mexico, who elaborated on the lack of affordable housing in Santa Fe for teachers. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=3>.

#### **Broadband Update and PSFA Broadband Procurement Progress (11:29 a.m.)**

Ovidiu Viorica, broadband and technology program manager, PSFA, outlined the progress New Mexico school districts have made in leveraging federal funding and reviewed the preliminary financial plan for the statewide education network. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/PSCO%20102521%20Item%204%20PSFA%20Broadband%20Update.pdf>.

#### **Supplemental Severance Tax Bonding Capacity Projections (11:57 a.m.)**

Mr. Evans reviewed the collaboration between the PSFA and the State Board of Finance in establishing funding sources for PSCOC-funded projects. Marcos B. Trujillo, deputy director, State Board of Finance, gave an overview of severance tax bond funding. Ismael Torres, chief economist, Legislative Finance Committee, addressed the economic drivers of severance tax bonding capacity. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=PSCO&Date=10/25/2021&ItemNumber=5>.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business before the task force, the meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.